

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Amro et al.**

Serial No.: **09/383,738**

Filed: **August 26, 1999**

For: **Method and Apparatus for  
Maximizing Efficiency of Small  
Display in a Data Processing System**

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Examiner: **Anthony Blackman**

Attorney Docket No.: **AT9-99-469**

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Sir:

I, Amirah Scarborough, being of sound mind and legal age, and fully aware of the punishable nature of making untrue statements as Affiant herein, do hereby attest to personal knowledge of the following:

I am employed by IBM Corporation, Intellectual Property Law Department as a Legal Assistant, in which capacity I personally receive client related materials for this application requiring further action and docketing on behalf of IBM Corporation.

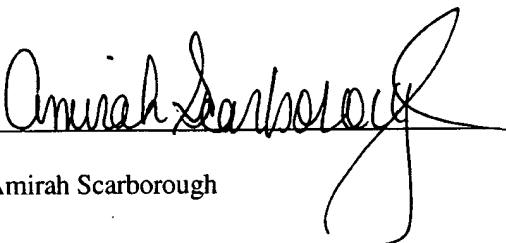
On the mailing date of the Office Action in question, December 18, 2001, I was employed full time by IBM Corporation and have no record of receipt of said Office Action. On October 8, 2002, Duke W. Yee, attorney for application, was contacted by Examiner Anthony Blackman informing Mr. Yee that the application had become abandoned due to failure to respond to the December 18, 2001, Office Action. At that time, the Law Firm of Carstens, Yee & Cahoon

immediately contacted IBM Corporation to inform us of this situation and to ask if we had received a copy of the Office Action instead.

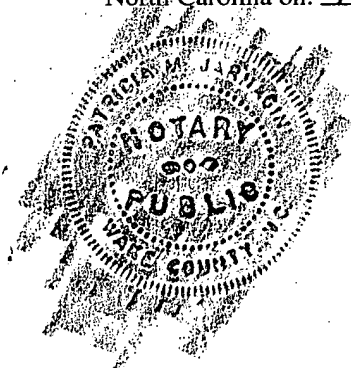
On October 9, 2002, I performed a search of the file jacket and docket record, which indicate that neither the Office Action nor the Notice of Abandonment was received. We told Duke Yee that we had not received the Office Action or the Notice of Abandonment either.

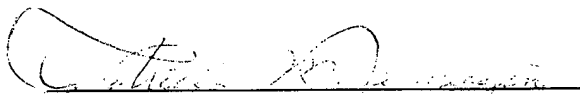
Sworn to and attested as follows at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina on November  
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Subscribed and sworn to by Patricia M. Jernigan, Notary Public in and for the State of  
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<b>Title:</b> METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAXIMIZING EFFICIENCY OF SMALL DISPLAY IN A DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM	
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<b>IBM to Pay Fees</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<b>PPM Tech Area:</b> 400 - Human Interface-front of screen display & user input systems
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### Events

29-Jul-1999 DOCKET APPLICATION FOR FILING  
2-Oct-1999 Migration Event  
30-Nov-1999 Receive Notice of Assignment & Recordation  
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